



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Inventor Harry Rosenberg, et al.
Assignee Honeywell International Inc.
Group Art Unit 2818
Examiner P. Dang
Attorney's Docket No. 34593-CON1
Customer No. 021567
Title: Tantalum Sputtering Target and Method of Manufacture

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANY A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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REMARKS

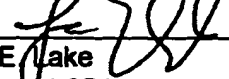
This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Application is being filed in an abundance of caution to permit consideration of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

No new matter is being presented in this application.

A telephonic interview is requested in the event that the next office action is one other than a Notice of Allowance. The undersigned is available during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 29 Aug 2003

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